The New World Order and the Persecution of Christians in China

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Xi Jinping (center front) at 19th CCP National Congress in 2017.

About twenty years ago, a western financial correspondent was discussing the renascent China with one of its first female millionaires. A member of the Chinese Communist Party, she was very successful by any standard. Her private company had become the largest aluminum alloy wheel manufacturer in Asia. She was outgoing, well-spoken and enjoyed telling the story of her success. She even had a Rolls Royce and a Mercedes. The correspondent was learning a lot about China's economic revolution, but when the conversation turned to the Party, she suddenly switched from lively entrepreneur to obedient automaton. As he put it: "To even the gentlest of questions, she adopted a reverential, whispering-in-church tone. Her answers became sombre, restrained and drained of life, consisting of little other than official slogans."

The top people had a private encrypted telecommunication system even then, spanning the whole country. Because the phones and faxes were red in color, they were usually called "the red machines." "Possession of the 'red machine' means you have qualified for membership of the tight-knit club that runs the country, a small group of about 300 people, mostly men, with responsibility for about one-fifth of humanity." (R McGregor) When the red phone rings, the chief executive of the company or the regional administrator answers it immediately and does exactly what he's told.

We have often referred to the Illuminati obsession with control. Here we see concrete evidence of a system which covers, not just China, but very possibly the whole world. John Coleman wrote about this in his book, *The Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Committee of 300* (1994), even going so far as to publish a list of past and present members. Of course, few listened to him (Conspiracy? What conspiracy?), but when the bureau chief for *The Financial Times* in China has written about the same phenomenon in the world's second-largest economy, we should pay attention.

"There is a conspiracy of her prophets [i.e. false prophets] in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof." – Ezekiel 22:25

The Vatican

Many have noted the parallel between the Vatican and Communist China. Both are highly secretive, arriving at key decisions through channels so opaque that they hardly seem to exist. Both are one-party systems based on total control, where the identities of those members with the most influence is often unknown, where specific political objectives are never disclosed, where neither the authority of the system nor its directives can be questioned, and where its leaders cannot be held to account. Neither recognize an independent judiciary or legislative body, and both deal with dissidents in ways that are often draconian.

The Chinese government has allegedly been negotiating with the Vatican for many years for the right to decide the ordination and appointment of Catholic bishops in China. To outsiders this has seemed like a genuine struggle between two sovereign entities obsessed with control, but this is hardly the case. It is doubtful whether <u>any</u> Catholic bishop appointed in China in the past twenty years (or more) has secured office without Chinese approval. At the end of the day, the world '300' and its subsidiaries decide who goes where.



Exposing the Underground Church

When Deng began to 'open' China to western-style capitalism in the late Seventies, he temporarily suspended the policies that Mao had long employed to suppress foreign religion. This led observers in the West to believe that China was now prepared to 'tolerate' the outward expression of Christianity, subject to certain ground rules. It suited the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to give this impression since a western willingness to trade with China would depend to a great extent, at least initially, on its perceived acceptance of western values. This apparent change in direction had another important advantage for the CCP. Over the next three decades virtually every member of the underground church in China emerged from the shadows. Families that had long concealed their affiliation with western religion – Catholicism or Bible-based Christianity – were now becoming known to the authorities. A robust underground network, which had grown from institutions established in the 17th century, was now fully exposed. The CCP had successfully deceived tens of millions of people.

'Sinicization'

By banning all home churches under its new religious policy, the CCP is now making sure that a similar underground network does not develop in the future. This new policy effectively removes the temporary stay on the suppression of religion as it operated under Mao. However, rather than abolishing religion, it now seeks instead to mould it as a tool of the CCP. This new policy, known as the 'Sinicization' of religion, was introduced at the CCCP's 19th National Congress in 2017 and became operational at the start of 2018.

Before we examine this new policy and how it is likely to be implemented, we need to note that 'Sinicization' does not simply mean "to express in terms of Chinese culture" but 'to make subservient to the needs of the state.' The CCP wants to exercise complete control over religion and use it to bolster and advance the goals of the Party. This is every bit as bad as it sounds.



Before the 19th National Congress, state intervention in religious affairs took the form of "active guidance" so that religion and socialism could "mutually adapt." This seemed to suggest that religion might be able to exist peacefully alongside socialism. However this principle is now being interpreted by reference to 'national security' and, as a result, has acquired an entirely new focus: "imperviously preventing and resolutely attacking all kinds of religious extremism."

In the strange world of Chinese communism, where words mean only what the CCP says they mean, "extremism" pertains to anything that the Party dislikes. The atheistic CCP is no longer prepared to control religion from behind the scenes but will now do so directly and openly, using all the powers vested in its Sinicization policy.

In many respects, this is the Chinese equivalent of the Counter-Reformation.

It will even have its own equivalent of the Pope. The 19th National Congress saw the elevation of Party leader, General Secretary Xi Jinping, to a special status akin to that of Mao. A new guiding ideology was written into the Party's constitution, named after Xi Jinping – '*Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era.*' (For 'New Era' read 'New World Order'.)

The new autocrat

This was the first time since Mao that a living Party leader had an ideology named after him and enshrined in the Constitution. It came as no surprise that the Constitution was later amended to remove the term limit on the office of General Secretary, thereby allowing Xi Jinping, with effect from March 17th, to rule unopposed until his death. For this reason *Forbes* now dubs him the most powerful man in the world.



Photo of Xi Jinping in The Washington Post, February 2018, with the word 'Strongman' – see our paper #173

If he is pushing forward an ideology of socialism "with Chinese characteristics" then the Sinicization of religion will be strongly supported at the highest levels.

Just a few weeks later the national meeting on the control of religion defined religious Sinicization to include "sincerely upholding the CCP's leadership, voluntarily accepting the CCP's leadership, and unwaveringly defending the CCP's leadership." In a sense, the Party General Secretary, Xi Jinping, has become the *Pontifex Maximus*, an imperial title first assumed by Caesar Augustus in 13 BC, which made him the high priest of all religions. Apart from the Pope, the Dalai Lama and the Emperor of Japan, no world leader since ancient times has accorded himself a similar title.

'Chinese Christianity'

The CCP plan for the Sinicization of Christianity which involve "cultivating and implementing" the core values of socialism. Its aim over the next five years is to change 'Christianity in China' into 'Chinese Christianity'. Incredibly, in the process it will emphasize that "the heart and soul of Christianity's Sinicization is to Sinicize Christian theology." The plan even proposes to re-translate the Bible, re-write Bible commentaries and incorporate Chinese elements into all worship services, hymns and music.

The public face of Christianity will also undergo a profound change. Christian symbols and logos, including the cross, will no longer be on display, even in church buildings. The authorities plan to replace them with images consistent with "core socialist values" such as the national flag, portraits of Xi Jinping, and posters approved by the CCP. The 5-year plan aims to turn 'belief in religion' into 'belief in the CCP'. Congregations will be required to sing revolutionary songs, presumably in addition to the hymns approved by the CCP, and to display at the entrance to the church a sign with the words, **Obey the Party, Follow the Party**. Churches may even be required to have newspaper racks on which CCP-approved periodicals and newspapers are displayed.



We already have a disturbing indication of the zeal with which this program will be carried out. In November 2017 a local authority in Jiangxi province entered the <u>homes</u> of known Christians and compelled them to remove Christian artwork from their walls and replace it with portraits of Xi Jinping. If this is what some local authorities were doing before the plan was even inaugurated, the outlook is grim, especially when one considers that the Sinicization plan requires citizens at all levels to give it their support.

Planned paranoia

The infamous 'Cultural Revolution' (1966-1976) was driven mainly by grassroot involvement, a personal call to students and villagers by Mao and certain of his cronies to purge the state of decadent capitalist sympathizers. A great many innocent people were either killed or imprisoned during the resulting reign of terror. The widespread belief that foreign powers, notably the US, were doing all they could to infiltrate Chinese society and undermine its guiding institutions gave a strong impetus to local ringleaders. The Sinicization Plan seems designed to engender a similar paranoia, where Christian missionaries are portrayed as agents of foreign ideology and where the 'brand' of Christianity that they teach is intended by them to challenge the authority of the CCP.

This attitude is already evident in the approach taken in several parts of China earlier this year where Christians visiting from overseas were taken into police custody for a time and then deported for engaging in religious activities and participating in "illegal gatherings". Foreign students are also being investigated to determine whether they are Christian and, if so, what activities they are engaging in. In future, evangelism in college campuses will not be tolerated.



Burning books during the 'Cultural Revolution'

The pressures that are being applied to Christians to conform to the will of the CCP can take many forms. These include fines and other financial penalties, home visits by the police or state officials, loss of church buildings, destruction of church property, withdrawal of authorisation to convene for religious purposes, the loss of certain state entitlements and subsidies, and even the threatened stoppage of water and electricity. There are also many reported instances where Christians or church leaders have been held in police custody or given a prison sentence, in one case a sentence of 13 years.



One of possibly thousands of church crosses forcibly removed by the state under the new policy approved by Xi Jinping.

The Three Self Church

Up to now the only Christian churches recognized by the CCP were registered as state-approved 'Three Self Churches'. This concept was developed in the 1950s to enable Christianity in China to survive under Communism. The three 'selves' in question were self-governance, self-support, and self-propagation, all of which were designed to eliminate foreign religious involvement in China:

"China's Christian churches and organizations should be based on best efforts and effective ways to teach the people to clearly understand the evils left in China by the imperialists and the reality of the imperialists exploitation of Christianity in the past." – The People's Daily, front page, September 23, 1950 The church leadership had to be Chinese, all finances had to be obtained from within China, and all missionary activity had to wholly Chinese. When the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) got under way, many churches went underground. However, the Three Self system was later reinstated in order to ensure that all religious activities took place in strict accordance with government policy.

At the time the Sinicization of Religion was introduced in 2018, there were about 60,000 Three Self churches in China.

CCP Control

Under the Three Self system, the CCP decided how many people could be baptized each year, who could preach, what could be preached, and where it could be preached. Children and teenagers could not become Christian; neither could government officials, soldiers, teachers, or police officers. Evangelizing tracts could not be distributed and the printing or importation of Bibles was forbidden. A number of basic church doctrines were also forbidden, including the deity, resurrection and second coming of Christ. Preachers could not claim that Communist heroes were destined for hell or that 'good' Communists would not go to heaven. It was also forbidden to preach against abortion.

It is obvious from these draconian controls that the Gospel could not be preached in a Three Self church and that apostate versions of Christianity, such as Eastern Lightning, were bound to flourish. Nevertheless, it is generally accepted that a sizable if unknown number of members of these churches were or became true believers. These were in addition to the millions who came to faith through the underground or home church movement.



State officials demolish an evangelical church in China.

When one considers the colossal impediments that the church in China was already facing <u>before</u> Sinicization, the regime now being implemented must surely be seen as a deliberate attempt at the highest levels to kill off true Christianity and turn its corpse into a morbid vehicle of socialist indoctrination. Anyone who tries to oppose it will simply be swept aside.

The church in China is about to experience a wave of brute-force persecution not seen since Mao was in power.

The Chinese authorities are also constructing a deep-state surveillance network. This will include a computer-based social credit system where all activity that can be logged online will receive a 'score', depending on how closely it conforms with what the state expects of an obedient citizen. This will train its citizens to police themselves and 'voluntarily' adopt a pattern of conduct based on 'core socialist values'.

State registration

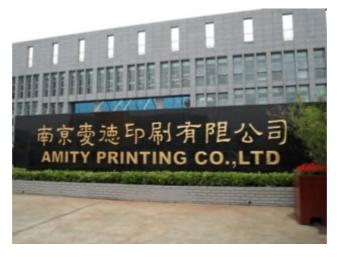
In future the only expression of Christianity in China will be the version approved by the state, where all church members are registered with the state and are required to sign a declaration confirming their allegiance to the state, the Party, and the General Secretary, Xi Jinping. Anyone who tries to operate outside this system will be acting illegally and liable to incur severe penalties.



In former times it was possible to go 'underground' and meet secretly with fellow believers. The new surveillance network will make this almost impossible. Facial recognition and computerized tracking will allow the authorities to detect clandestine gatherings, where individuals with no known connection convene in one location on a regular basis. Anyone carrying a cell phone will be tracked in the same way. All telephone and email contact will be routinely monitored. If one member of an unlawful church is discovered, everyone in his social circle will be immediately scrutinized by the authorities. Since Sinicization places an onus on villagers to disclose any unlawful religious activity in their locality – which will enable them to garner additional social credit points – the church in China, the TRUE church, will be ruthlessly exposed.

The Bible in China

As we noted earlier, it is illegal to print the Bible or to import copies into China from other countries. All Bibles used in China must be printed by the CCP-approved Amity publishing company. Unfortunately these are believed to contain countless inaccuracies in translation. This corruption of the Word of God will only get worse under Sinicization, where any opportunity to skew the text to conform with 'socialist core values' will be fully exploited. The Sermon on the Mount, for example, will likely be styled along the lines of a chapter from Mao's *Little Red Book*.



Traditional bookstores have not been permitted to sell the Bible, though they have been allowed to sell the Koran and texts relating to Buddhism, Taoism and Hinduism (The Sinicization of religion will probably impose restrictions on these also). The fact that Christianity has been a target for this kind of censorship, while Islam has not, is an indication of how much the CCP fears the Bible and how far it is likely to go in the future to restrict its availability. Already, under Sinicization, we can see stark evidence of this. In March 2018, major online stores in China (such as Taobao and Jingdong) were ordered to stop selling the Bible, while, a little later, Gospel websites were told to shut down or face financial penalties.

The Amity imprint of the Bible can only be offered for sale at CCP-approved Three Self churches. This allows the authorities to use sales data and facial-recognition technology to track buyers, including those who may have come from an underground or house church. Christianity in China in the future will be faced with formidable difficulties as its leaders struggle to train pastors and preachers in sound theology, while at the same time protecting their flocks from the poisonous distortions incorporated by the CCP into the state-approved version of the Bible.

Re-education or 'thought transformation' Camps

The repression of independent thought in China has entered a whole new phase under Xi Jinping. The Chinese authorities are no longer concerned with what Western nations think of their human rights record. For years they denied the existence of a network of prison camps in Xinjiang in western China in which nearly a million Uighur Muslims have been detained. The authorities now admit that the camps exist but, in typical CCP double-speak, they are defined in Chinese law as "vocational skills and educational training centers."

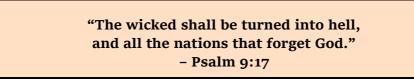


According to the regulations, they are intended for people "influenced by extremism" and therefore in need of psychological counselling and ideological re-education. At present such camps are apparently used only to 're-educate' Muslims, but in light of the ease with which the term "extremism" will be applied under Sinicization, there is no doubt that similar camps will be established for Christians in due course.

In the former Soviet Union is was a common practice to treat independent thought as a sign of mental illness. Prominent dissidents were interned and forced to undergo counselling and 're-education' therapy. This looks set to be a feature of the coming New World Order, where those who oppose the new regime will be classed as casualties of false ideology. The public in the West is already being conditioned to accept this through the issuance of court orders that require persons convicted of gender-related discrimination to undergo 'equality and diversity' training as part of their 'rehabilitation'. They are being required, in effect, to have their minds reprogrammed. We were treated to an even more sinister example of this only a few weeks ago when a French court ordered the far-right leader, Marine Le Pen, to submit to a psychiatric evaluation. Her crime? She had long warned of the dangers of militant Islam and had posted images of unlawful executions by Islamic extremists on her Twitter account. The court was implying that anyone who issued such warnings was very possibly mentally unstable.

This is how the NWO will silence dissenting voices.

The Xinjiang regulations provide examples of the kind of behavior that could cause a person to be sent to a detention center. They include refusing to watch state television or listen to state radio, or trying to home-school one's children. Imagine how many Americans today would be incarcerated if similar legislation were introduced in the U.S.



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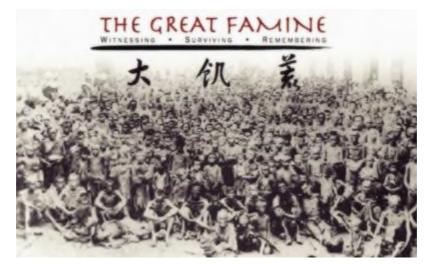
China is the prototype society for the New World Order. A high level of economic efficiency, akin to that of the US, is being combined with an authoritarian system of social control, akin to that of the former Soviet Union. The individual only has whatever rights the state decides to confer. There are no intrinsic or inalienable human rights. The welfare of the individual is subordinate to that of the state. Only those who submit unconditionally to the will of the Party and its absolute leader will enjoy whatever rights the state has decided to bestow. Anyone who resists will be sent to a labour camp and 're-educated'. Incorrigible individuals will be executed.



We need to see what is happening in China right now if we are to understand the future of Christianity, not only in China but in the rest of the world. According to human rights groups, detainees in Xinjiang are being forced to swear allegiance to Xi Jinping and to criticize or renounce their faith. The leaders of the New World Order seem intent on implementing a similar system of coercion across Asia and beyond until the entire world is under their control.

Detainees are also being forced to recite and memorize CCP propaganda and to chant socialist slogans for hours on end, including "Long life to Xi Jinping." Anyone who refuses to do so is subjected to some form of physical torture – handcuffed for hours, waterboarded, or strapped to a painful metal contraption, the infamous 'tiger chair', for long periods of time.

For Christians who doubt the existence of a co-ordinated worldwide program to destroy Christianity, the Sinicization plan for religion in China should act as a wake-up call. The same ultra-wealthy international cartel who set up China in 1948, and who control it still, are also controlling the world economy. The same cartel that 'off-shored' almost half of America's industrial base to this subversive Marxist state, and who allowed the same Marxist state to accumulate staggering trade surpluses using a grossly undervalued currency, have a similar plan for Christianity in the United States.



The Great Famine in China, 1959-1961 in which 30 million people died. This horrific catastrophe was a direct result of Mao's 'enlightened' policies, much praised by Rockefeller.

As David Rockefeller said in an article in the *New York Times* on August 10th, 1973, following his visit to that country:

"One is impressed immediately by the sense of national harmony...Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering high morale and community of purpose...The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history."

Rockefeller and his cronies are the architects of this coming worldwide totalitarian system. The "social experiment" in China, to which he alludes with such obvious approval, will shortly be followed by a similar "social experiment" in America, courtesy of the same cabal.

Unless Bible-believing Christians start to take very seriously the truth of the prophecies given in God's Holy Word, they will risk being overcome by the great wave of fear that will roll across America.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are living in China, are set to face great persecution in the coming years. Meanwhile the Chinese authorities will lie shamelessly about their treatment and continue to do what the toxic ideology known as Marxism was originally designed to do, namely, to break down the 'old' world order and replace it with a new one.

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